

WHEREAS, TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is the popular name for TOPS Club, Inc., a non-commercial, nonprofit weight-control organization which was the first of the major weight-control clubs and today the subject is discussed by 12,500 groups, or local chapters of TOPS in all of our Fifty States, ten Canadian provinces and twenty-three other countries throughout the world with membership of 330,000 men, women and children, of whom 3,000 are in 128 chapters in South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Now incorporated, TOPS is concerned with encouraging members not only to shed unwanted weight but, once their ideal weight goals are reached, to become KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly) and this non-profit organization also has an Obesity and Metabolic Research Program and a grant for the clinical study and research of obesity metabolic reactions and related problems; and,

WHEREAS, The nonprofit program of TOPS has five distinguished facets which include medical orientation; group therapy; competition, recognition and obesity research:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 16 - 22, 1974, as

TOPS, INC. WEEK

in South Dakota, and urge all South Dakotans to observe the sensible eating and good health rules advocated by the organization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand and
affixed the Great Seal of the
State of South Dakota, in
Pierre, the Capital City,
this 14th day of June, in the
Year of Our Lord, Nineteen
Hundred and Seventy-Four

R. F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herseth

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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